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1)	Responsive to communication(s) filed on	· **				
•	: ``	is action is non-final.				
3)□	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
·	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Dispositi	on of Claims					
4)🛛	4) Claim(s) <u>1-40</u> is/are pending in the application.					
	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.					
5)	5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.					
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7)	Claim(s) is/are objected to.		·			
8)[8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.					
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9)🖾	The specification is objected to by the Examin	er.				
10)🛛	The drawing(s) filed on <u>04 February 2004</u> is/a	re: a) <mark>□</mark> accepted or b)⊠ objected	d to by the Examiner.			
•	Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).					
	Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).					
11) 🔲	11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.					
Priority u	nder 35 U.S.C. § 119					
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of:						
	1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.					
	2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No					
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage						
	application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).					
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.						
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1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)						
2) Notice	e of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Da	nte			
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The listing of references in the specification is not a proper information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98(b) requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, and MPEP § 609.04(a) states, "the list may not be incorporated into the specification but must be submitted in a separate paper." Therefore, unless the references have been cited by the examiner on form PTO-892, they have not been considered.

Specification

- 2. The use of the trademark BLUETOOTH and NOKIA has been noted in this application. It should be capitalized wherever it appears and be accompanied by the generic terminology.
- 3. Although the use of trademarks is permissible in patent applications, the proprietary nature of the marks should be respected and every effort made to prevent their use in any manner which might adversely affect their validity as trademarks.

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Drawings

- 4. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the mechanism for defining a neighborhood and the mechanism for indicating as stated by claim 17; the mechanism for setting up a piconet as stated by claims 18 and 32; the mechanism for indicating as sated by claims 20 and 34; the mechanism for defining a neighborhood and the mechanism for defining a target attribute as stated by claim 31 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.
- 5. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filling date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner,

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the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

6. In addition to Replacement Sheets containing the corrected drawing figure(s), applicant is required to submit a marked-up copy of each Replacement Sheet including annotations indicating the changes made to the previous version. The marked-up copy must be clearly labeled as "Annotated Sheets" and must be presented in the amendment or remarks section that explains the change(s) to the drawings. See 37 CFR 1.121(d)(1). Failure to timely submit the proposed drawing and marked-up copy will result in the abandonment of the application.

Claim Objections

7. Claims 21, 27, 35, and 38, are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

8. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

had possession of the claimed invention.

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9. Claims 17-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed,

The specification inadequately describe the mechanism for defining a neighborhood and the mechanism for indicating as stated by claim 17; the mechanism for setting up a piconet as stated by claims 18 and 32; the mechanism for indicating as sated by claims 20 and 34; the mechanism for defining a neighborhood and the mechanism for defining a target attribute as stated by claim 31. The "written description" of the invention required by first paragraph of 35 USC §112 is separate and distinct from that paragraph's requirement of enabling disclosure, since description must do more than merely provide explanation of how to "make and use" the invention. Applicant must also convey, with reasonable clarity to those skilled in the art, that applicant, as of the filing date sought, was in possession of the invention, with the invention being, for purpose of "written description" inquiry, whatever is presently claimed. Drawings alone may, under proper circumstances, provide "written description" of the invention required by 35 USC §112, and whether the drawings are from design application or utility application is not determinative. In order to satisfy "written description" requirement of 35 USC §112, the proper test is whether

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drawings conveys, with reasonable clarity to those of ordinary skill in the art, the claim subject matter.

10. Claims 18 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The specification fails to provide an enabling disclosure for the mechanism for setting up a piconet as stated by claims 18 and 32 since these "mechanism" is not disclose or shown and how these "mechanism" are incorporated in the over all invention.

- 11. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112: The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
- Claims 6, 7, and 17-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as 12. being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The term "mechanism for indicating" as stated in claims 17 and 20, is confusing since it not understood if these "mechanism" are different or the same.

The communication being direct or indirect is not understood, as stated by claim 6 and 7. Direct or indirect to what?

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

13. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

14. Claims 21-24, 27-30, and 38-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. These claims claim multiple inventions.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

15. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.
- 16. Claims 1-17, 19-20, and 31-34, as understood, are rejected under 35U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Adamczyk, et al.

Adamczyk, et al. disclose a method of communication by a user (figure 1, #180) comprising the steps of defining a contact list that includes at least one contact name (Abstract). Defining a neighborhood of the first wireless device (#180) and indicating which at least one contact name ("Referring now to FIGS. 2 and 3, an alert system 300, and a method 400 for interfacing with alert system 300 and for alerting a person to an

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emergency situation is depicted. At the outset, subscriber 170 establishes a personal profile and emergency contact lists by accessing 405 alert service 305 via the Internet 250 and a web browser equipped computer 310 to input subscriber information into a database 315. The subscriber information (personal profile) may include, for example, the subscriber's name, home telephone number, work telephone number, cellphone number, home address, and information relating to two lists of contacts. In an embodiment, the first contact list includes those individuals who should be contacted in an emergency situation when an alert signal is received from subscriber 170, and the second contact list includes those individuals who should be contacted in an emergency situation if they are also in the vicinity of subscriber 170 when the alert signal is received at alert service 305. Members of the first contact list are referred to as emergency contacts and are depicted, for example, as 161 in FIG. 2, and members of the second contact list are referred to as friends and family contacts and are depicted, for example, as 162 in FIG. 2. Information input into database 315 relating to the two lists of contacts includes, for example, the contact's name, home telephone number, work telephone number, cellphone number, pager number/address, and email address. Once a personal profile has been input into database 315, subscriber 170 may at a later date access alert system 300 via the Internet 250 to update the contents of the stored personal profile. By establishing a personal profile, including contact lists, alert system 300 can automatically, upon activation, send an emergency message to a member of the contact lists without further involvement by subscriber 170, as will be discussed in more detail below.")

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Conclusion

17. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Menard, et al disclose an assisted personal communication system.

Videtich discloses a system for pulling information from a mobile vehicle.

Granstam, et al show a mobile terminal.

Kushita shows a mobile communication terminal selection method for destination of communication.

18. If applicants wish to request for an interview, an "Applicant Initiated Interview Request" form (PTOL-413A) should be submitted to the examiner prior to the interview in order to permit the examiner to prepare in advance for the interview and to focus on the issues to be discussed. This form should identify the participants of the interview, the proposed date of the interview, whether the interview will be personal, telephonic, or video conference, and should include a brief description of the issues to be discussed. A copy of the completed "Applicant Initiated Interview Request" form should be attached to the Interview Summary form, PTOL-413 at the completion of the interview and a copy should be given to applicant or applicant's representative.

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Participants in this pilot program will no longer receive paper mailings for most correspondence originating from a Technology Center. However, since several areas of the Office have independent mailing processes, pilot participants will continue to receive paper mailings for correspondence originating from several areas of the Office including, but not limited to: Office of Initial Patent Examination, Petitions, PCT, Appeals, Publications, Interference, and Reexamination.

A Private PAIR user will be able to opt-in to receive electronic mail message (email) notifications of outgoing correspondence by selecting the appropriate choice on

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The email notification described above will be sent after the Office action has been prepared and entered into the record. The period for reply to any Office correspondence to which a reply is required will commence on the date indicated on the outgoing Office such outgoing correspondence for all other purposes (e.g., 37 CFR 1.71(g)(2), 1.97(b), 1.701 through 1.705). The Office communication will become available for downloading and viewing through Private PAIR on the date indicated on the correspondence.

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Please note that the email notification procedure outlined above is simply an automated email sent by the Office to alert applicant that an official Office correspondence has been entered in the official record that will be available for viewing via private PAIR. It is not an email sent by the examiner and does not alter the Office policy prohibiting an applicant or examiner from engaging in improper email correspondence. See MPEP section 502.03.

The e-Office Action Pilot Program will begin with a limited number of participants. The Pilot Program will last approximately six months. Upon the conclusion of the pilot program the success of the pilot will be evaluated. At that time decisions will be made

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as to whether or not to make modifications to the e-Office action program and whether or not to permanently implement the program.

Thus, if the pilot program is successful and a decision is made to permanently implement the program, it is expected that the e-Office Action Program will go into full production sometime around June 2007 at which point the program will be open to all users (registered patent attorney or agent of record, or a pro se inventor who is a named inventor in the application associated with the customer number through which Private PAIR is accessed) having a Customer Number and access to Private PAIR.

For further information please contact the Patent Electronic Business Center (EBC) 866-217-9197 (toll-free) or 571-272-4100 Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 12 Midnight Eastern Time or send e-mail to ebc@uspto.gov Date 12/19/2006

20. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **WILLIAM D. CUMMING** whose telephone number is 571-272-7861. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 11am-8:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Corsaro can be reached on 571-272-7876. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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21. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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